



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update
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Committee Name: Community Development Initiative-AZ

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Objective Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on; identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Objective 6.2. Expand the community Development Initiative to other state agencies.

- Invitation and contact to Department of Corrections, Environmental Quality and Office of the courts to the Summit. Department of Corrections will be sending a team of 15 participants.

Activity 6.2.1. Provide training for yshcn and their families through the Parent Youth Leadership Development Institute.

- Six e-learning modules developed and are available for parents to take online.

Activity 6.2.2. Provide training on how to work with and develop community teams.

- CDI steering team will be doing a follow up summit in on March 9, 2007 at ASU West to bring previous summit participants together for further training and collaboration.
- CDI steering team will be supporting a Family Leadership, community development conference in November 2007 to provide training statewide.
- Joan Agostinelli, Linda Hamman, Kim Stamper and Becky Hamblin presented the Community Development Initiative at the 9th International Congress on Community Services for Children, Youth and families with Special Health care Needs on 12-4-7, 2006 in Washington D.C.

Objective 6.2.4. Utilize Partners in Policy Making, Raising Special Kids, Pilot Parents, AzEIP parents, and ADHS/OCSHCN as a pool of potential parents and youth..

- Presented the Community Development Initiative at the Partners in Policymaking training on January 27,2007

Objective 6.2. Obtain operating manuals, policies, and procedures related to the integration of families into decision making from partner agencies.

- Developed an online reporting document to list all family-led community teams or groups.

Objective 6.5. Initiate a community team within a Native American Community.

- The Turtle Nation Partnership held Special Education training for 20 families in partnership with the Special Education Superintendent

Objective 6.5. Develop linguistically and culturally appropriate materials for the teams.

- All materials are reviewed by family partners

Opportunities for integration

- Website azcommunityactionteams.org developed for marketing, outreach and resources for families and agencies for collaboration and integration.

Barriers identified

- Each agency needs to have a protocol and funding to compensate parents for their leadership.

Support needed:

Recommendations to the Task Force:

- Assist the committee in promoting the Family Leadership and community development conference scheduled for 11/07